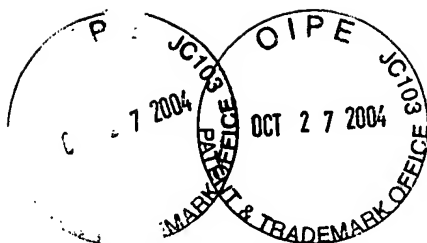


22599



10-28-04 IFW
Certificate of Express or First-Class Mailing
I hereby certify that I have deposited this correspondence with the US Postal Service as first-class or, if a mailing-label number is given below, as express mail addressed to Comm. of Patents, Washington, DC, 20231 on the below-given date.
OCT 27 2004

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor Torsten OTTO et al
Patent App. 10/615,335
Filed 8 July 2003

Date
EV031253265
Express-mail label number
Signature

Conf. No. 8755

For METHOD OF GROUNDING A JACKETED METAL TUBE AND
CLIP FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD
Art Unit 2833

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FIRST AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed
28 September 2004.

Amendment to the Specification: None.
Amendment to the Claims: None.
Amendment to the Drawings: None.
Remarks Begin on page 2 of this paper.